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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Interview with [REDACTED]

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1. At the request of the Deputy Director for Administration pursuant to a requirement established by Mr. A. Searle Field of the Investigating Committee Staff, I arranged to have [REDACTED] meet with Mr. Field in the Review Staff conference room. In attendance initially were [REDACTED] A. Searle Field, [REDACTED], and the undersigned. After a short period of time, [REDACTED] left and [REDACTED] joined the group. The discussion which ensued was virtually a one-on-one direct examination of [REDACTED] by Mr. Field. The principal areas of interest were as follows.

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a. The commercial business undertaken by the proprietary aside from covert requirements to which the response indicated that none exists.

b. The total requirements levied directly from senior Agency officials principally the DCI and the DDCI for "personal appeal" items (TV's, stereos, motorcycles, etc.) to which the response was none to the knowledge of [REDACTED] because no direct contact is made except through Procurement Division.

c. The inter-proprietary ordering or transfers of either moneys, equipments, or orders (back scratching between proprietaries). The response indicated no contact whatsoever with other proprietaries.

d. The issues of President Johnson's speedboat and the printing of currency were briefly touched upon to which very humorous responses and denials were tendered.

e. The top ten most frequently procured items: The preponderance of the investigator's questions in this area seemed definitely keyed to inordinately expensive gifts, specifically jewelry. References were made to diamond rings, broaches, necklaces, tiaras, etc. The response was that to the recollection of the interviewee, the proprietary in the past 2 years may have procured 6 to 10 wrist watches; these were the only jewelry items that could be recalled.

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2. Further, the investigator avoided the area of cameras but pressed the issue of refrigerators, principally 220v-50cy versus 115v-60cy. On the AC requirements for refrigerators, it became clear to the investigator that the 115v-60cy with or without stepup/stepdown transformers could be used not only in the continental US but also in the South American countries and the attribution of where they could be utilized immediately became evident to Mr. Field.

3. In the opinion of the undersigned, all of the above questions were answered satisfactorily and editorially, the discussion was at best boring and must have been extremely frustrating to the interviewer. At the conclusion, Mr. Field thanked us for the time and effort which has been expended in his behalf and the conference ended. Subsequent to its termination, I provided a verbal briefing to the DDA which covered essentially the points enumerated above.

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Chief, Procurement Division, OL

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Reviewing Staff  
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